

## The Neighborhood Crime Prevention Program

The Neighborhood Crime Prevention program is the second step of developing your Neighborhood Watch

- The Neighborhood Partnership will train neighborhoods in crime prevention techniques such as neighborhood and home security checks for unsafe conditions, interior home security checks, exterior home security checks, proper locking and lighting for security, property inventory and identification, and other tips. The Police Department may provide additional training and assistance as needed.
- Neighborhood Watch signs for street and home will be provided by the Neighborhood Partnership.
- Monthly crime prevention tip brochures will be available for Neighborhood Watch meetings.

## Fire Safety and Prevention

Fire safety and prevention information will be provided to the Neighborhood Watch as part of the crime prevention training. Neighborhood fire safety presentations are available from Fire Department staff.



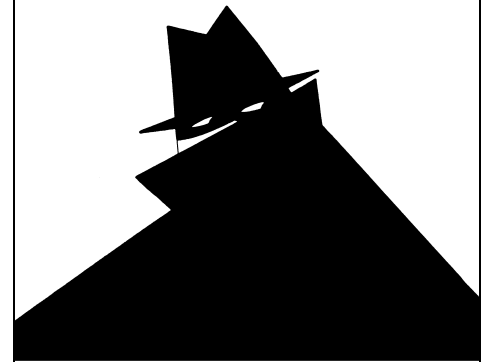
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## Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention Program

### What is the Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention Program and how can it help my neighborhood?

The Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention Program sponsored by the Neighborhood Partnership Department can help you to work with your neighbors and the Police to improve neighborhood safety. The Neighborhood Partnership, in collaboration with the Battle Creek Police Department, can train your neighborhood watch group to do neighborhood crime spotting and reporting, provide you with neighborhood crime prevention tips and techniques, and provide fire safety training. The Neighborhood Partnership can attend your Neighborhood Watch meetings, provide liaison with the Police Department, and may request Police attendance and crime prevention assistance at your Neighborhood Watch meetings when needed.

This program is available to all neighborhood associations who have organized an Neighborhood Watch and meet regularly.

If you have a Neighborhood Association, the Neighborhood Partnership can help you to organize your Neighborhood Watch and provide assistance and materials for neighborhood Crime Prevention training.

If you do not yet have a Neighborhood Association, you may contact the Neighborhood Partnership for help in organizing one. Once a neighborhood association is formed, a Neighborhood Watch can be started.

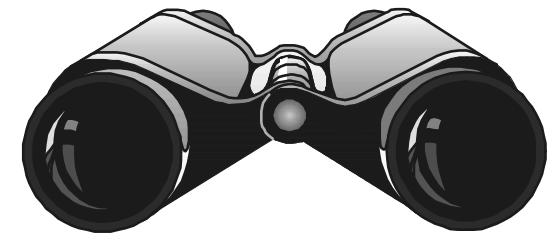
### How to conduct Neighborhood Watch meetings

Neighborhood Watch meetings can be part of your regular Neighborhood Association meeting. Your Neighborhood Watch Coordinator can use the following procedures for running a Neighborhood watch in your neighborhood:

- The Coordinator collects suspicious activity record sheets.
- The Coordinator leads a discussion of suspicious neighborhood activities that have occurred during the past month and records neighborhood observations and concerns to give to Police, if applicable. Neighbors identify problem areas to watch and the Coordinator assigns tasks to members, if appropriate.
- The Coordinator gives an update / information about police activities.
- The group reviews the monthly neighborhood crime activity map for the Neighborhood Association and surrounding area.
- The Neighborhood Partnership presents an overview of the monthly safety topic and distributes Crime Watch topic brochure.
- The group plans Neighborhood Association Watch Programs or projects such as security inspections of homes and properties, Operation Identification, light the neighborhood project, a house numbering project, block parents identification, phone checks for elderly or handicapped, or other projects.
- The Coordinator may distribute suspicious activity record sheets, checklists, neighborhood watch home signs, or other materials as needed.

### Reporting Suspicious Activity

- Neighbors complete the suspicious activity record sheet and give the information to their Block Captains.
- The Block Captains will give the information to the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.
- The Neighborhood Watch Coordinator then will give the record sheets to the Neighborhood Partnership or the Police Department and act as the liaison between the Neighborhood Partnership or Police Department and the neighborhood.



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